

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A front seat for a motor vehicle, said seat comprising:

a backrest frame (11),

~~characterized by the fact that it comprises~~ lower fixing means (12, 13) for rigidly fixing the backrest frame (11) to a lower structural element (2) of a passenger compartment,

and

upper fixing means (15) for rigidly fixing an upper part of the backrest frame to an upper structural element (17) of a passenger compartment.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the backrest frame and the lower and upper fixing means are suitable for forming means for rigidifying a passenger compartment structure of a vehicle.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising backrest upholstery ~~[[is]]~~ mounted vertically mobile on the backrest frame.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising a cushion frame ~~[[is]]~~ vertically  
displaceable relative to the backrest frame.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising a cushion frame ~~[[is]]~~ mobile in rotation  
along a horizontal axis relative to the backrest frame.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~  
~~claims, characterized by the fact that~~ claim 1, further comprising a cushion frame (10) ~~is~~  
rigidly fixed to the backrest frame ~~(11),~~

wherein the lower fixing means rigidly ~~connecting the~~ connect a cushion frame (10)  
to a lower structural element (2) of a passenger compartment, the cushion frame, the backrest  
frame and the lower and upper fixing means being suitable for forming means for rigidifying  
a passenger compartment structure of the vehicle.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized by the~~  
~~fact that~~ wherein the cushion (10) and backrest (11) frames are formed integrally.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~one of claims 6 or 7,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 6, wherein the lower fixing means comprise a single leg (12)  
supporting the cushion frame, said leg (12) ~~able to be~~ rigidly fixed to a lower structural  
element of the passenger compartment.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ claim 1, wherein the upper fixing means comprise at least one upper arm ~~(15)~~ extending from an upper part of the backrest frame ~~(11)~~ and able to be rigidly fixed on the opposing side to an upper structural element ~~(17)~~ of the passenger compartment.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The seat as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that it is provided with~~ claim 1, comprising at least three fixing points for a seat belt ~~(C)~~.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A motor vehicle ~~(1)~~ ~~characterized by the fact that it comprises~~ comprising at least one seat as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The vehicle as claimed in claim 11, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the lower fixing means are rigidly fixed to lower cross-members, to a lower central beam, to a lower side member and/or a lower portion of a pillar of the vehicle structure.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The vehicle as claimed in ~~one of claims 11 or 12,~~ ~~characterized by the fact that~~ claim 11, wherein the upper fixing means are rigidly fixed to an upper cross-member, to an upper central beam, to an upper side member ~~(17)~~ and/or to a lower portion of a pillar of the vehicle structure.

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Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The vehicle as claimed in ~~any one of claims 11 to 13, characterized by the fact that it comprises~~ claim 11, further comprising a control unit ~~which is mobile~~ along a longitudinal axis relative to the seat.